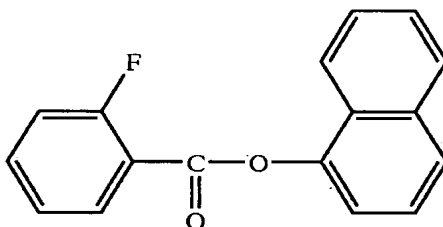


Amendments to the Claims:

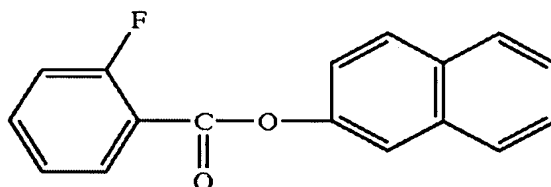
The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-4. (Canceled)

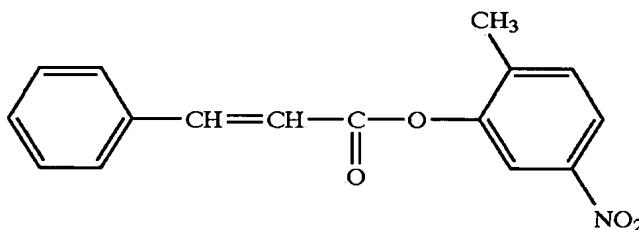
5. (Currently Amended) ~~The compound~~ A compound expressed by the ~~general formula I according to claim 1, wherein the compound is expressed as a following formula:~~



6. (Currently Amended) ~~The compound~~ A compound expressed by the ~~general formula I according to claim 1, wherein the compound is expressed as a following formula:~~

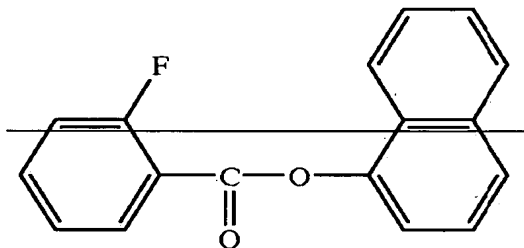


7. (Currently Amended) ~~The compound~~ A compound expressed by the ~~general formula I according to claim 1, wherein the compound is expressed as a following formula:~~

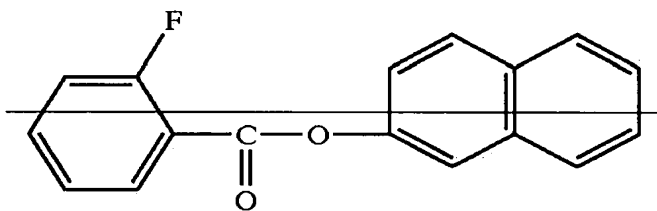


8-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) ~~The ultraviolet~~ An ultraviolet ray protection agent according to claim 8 including the including as an active ingredient the compound of claim 5 expressed by general formula I' as an active ingredient and having the ultraviolet ray protection effect, the compound being expressed as a formula:



13. (Currently Amended) ~~The ultraviolet~~ An ultraviolet ray protection agent according to claim 8 including the including as an active ingredient the compound of claim 6 expressed by general formula I' as an active ingredient and having the ultraviolet ray protection effect, the compound being expressed as a formula:



14. (Currently Amended) ~~The ultraviolet~~ An ultraviolet ray protection agent according to claim 8 including the including as an active ingredient the compound of claim 7 expressed by general formula I' as an active ingredient and having the ultraviolet ray protection effect, the compound being expressed as a formula:

